

I-405 Projects Update

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Lane closure at NE 116th Street tonight; stay informed about traffic closures

Tonight crews will close the left-turn lane from westbound NE 116th Street to southbound I-405 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. A signed detour will direct westbound traffic to the southbound on-ramp at NE 124th Street. Crews will inspect drainage systems in preparation to begin building the [Kirkland Nickel Project](#) in April. The southbound I-405 on-ramp from eastbound NE 116th will remain open.

To stay up to date with the latest construction-related traffic closures, we encourage you to bookmark our [construction update report](#). This Web page is updated frequently, so please visit often.

Weekend closure while crews rebuild southbound on-ramp in Kirkland

Tomorrow night, Feb. 17, crews will close the southbound I-405 on-ramp from westbound NE 124th Street. The ramp will be closed the entire weekend, reopening by 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20. A signed detour will direct drivers to the southbound on-ramp at NE 116th Street. This closure is necessary for crews to move the ramp further out from the freeway, to make room for the new HOV ramps in the median. This work is part of the [Totem Lake Freeway Station Project](#), primarily funded by [Sound Transit](#).

Nightly closures to set bridge girders at NE 132nd in Kirkland

Next week crews will close up to three lanes on southbound I-405 nightly to set girders for widening the southbound I-405 bridge over NE 132nd Street. All lanes of NE 132nd under I-405 will also close nightly. See our [construction update report](#) for details.

Weekend closure for SR 520 bridge repairs

We plan to close the State Route 520 bridge for 29 continuous hours from 5 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 to approximately 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. This closure is necessary to repair damage caused by the Feb. 4 windstorm. For more details, read our [Feb. 15 news release](#).

Totem Lake Boulevard to close for up to two months at NE 128th intersection

In the past few weeks, you may have noticed crews working along Totem Lake Blvd. near NE 128th Street, [installing a waterline](#). On Monday, Feb. 27, we'll close the intersection of Totem Lake Blvd. and NE 128th Street for up to eight weeks. We plan to post a map of the closure area on our [Web site](#) soon. We'll maintain local access for businesses, but through traffic will be detoured around the intersection via 120th Avenue NE and NE 132nd Street.

We're closing this intersection to raise the elevation of the street to meet the height of the new NE 128th bridge. The bridge will give all drivers a new east-west route across I-405. Because we're raising the street about three feet, we need to close the entire intersection to keep drivers safe. There is a chance that crews will complete the work early and if so, we'll reopen the intersection at that time. For now, though, expect the closure to run through late April. For more information on the Totem Lake Freeway Station project, please visit [Sound Transit](#) and [WSDOT](#)'s project Web pages.

Learn more about I-405 projects at community meetings

WSDOT is providing several opportunities in the next couple of months for you to learn about projects up and down the I-405 corridor. Come with your questions, or just to hear and see our presentations to the following groups:

- Feb. 21 - Monterey Terrace
- Feb. 28 - Highbury Park
- Mar. 1 – Talbot (South 14th Street)
- Mar. 8 - Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
- Mar. 9 - Piazza Renton
- Mar. 16 – Kirkland Highlands
- Mar. 21 - Renton Highlands

These dates are subject to change. See the [I-405 community calendar](#) for more information. If you'd like us to present to your group, contact [Colleen Gants](#) (425-456-8555).

Save the date for Renton to Bellevue Project open house and hearing

The Renton to Bellevue (SR 169 to I-90) project team has completed their study of the project's potential effects on the environment. You can review this study, or environmental assessment (EA), starting March 9 on the [project Web site](#) and at local libraries. You can also purchase copies of the study from the project office (425-456-8500).

You'll have thirty days to send us comments on the study (until April 14). You can submit comments by postal mail or e-mail, or at the public open house and hearing. The open house/hearing is scheduled for March 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Renton Senior Center (211 Burnett Ave N.). There you can review environmental findings in person, speak with project staff and provide written and verbal comments.

Highway advisory radio updates

Tune your radio to 530 AM or 1520 AM as you drive on I-405 through the Totem Lake area of Kirkland to hear the latest closure information and project updates. Questions or comments? E-mail [Laura Johnson](#).

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